

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2270

(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Department of child safety; private contractors;  
3 backlog cases; delayed repeal; definition

4                   A. The department of child safety shall enter into one or more  
5 contracts with one or more private contractors to work cooperatively with the  
6 department to administer backlog cases as provided in this section. A  
7 contract may include the use of an analytic support tool to be used by the  
8 contractor or the department, or both, to assist in making a risk  
9 assessment. Notwithstanding title 41, chapter 23, Arizona Revised Statues,  
10 the department shall use emergency procurements to enter into the contracts,  
11 except that the procurements shall be made with as much competition as is  
12 practicable, including using expedited requests for proposals. All contract  
13 awards shall be reported to the joint legislative budget committee.

14               B. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, in  
15 administering backlog cases, the private contractor or contractors  
16 shall complete all aspects of each case needed to be performed according to  
17 department rules and policies and this section. The department shall  
18 maintain direct supervision of all cases.

19                   C. The department shall review each report and identify the tasks to  
20                  be completed by department employees and by the private contractor. When a  
21                  private contractor completes the tasks assigned, the private contractor shall  
22                  return the case to the department to determine if any additional work needs  
23                  to be done on the case.

24                   D. If a private contractor has a reasonable belief that grounds for  
25 removal pursuant to section 8-821, Arizona Revised Statutes, exist, the  
26 private contractor shall:

1. Immediately contact the designated department supervisor.

1           2. Contact law enforcement as appropriate.

2           3. Take other actions necessary to ensure the child's safety.

3           E. A contractor and its employees shall protect any DCS information  
4 received as prescribed in section 8-807, Arizona Revised Statutes.

5           F. The department shall report to the joint legislative budget  
6 committee within thirty days after each calendar quarter the status of all  
7 backlog cases as of the end of that calendar quarter.

8           G. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2017.

9           H. For the purposes of this section, "backlog case":

10          1. Means any nonactive case for which documentation has not been  
11 entered in the child welfare automated system for at least sixty days and for  
12 which services have not been authorized for at least sixty days or any case  
13 that has had an investigation, has been referred to other units and has had  
14 no contact for at least sixty days.

15          2. Includes any case for which the investigation has been open without  
16 any documentation or contact for at least sixty days, any case involving  
17 in-home services for which there has been no contact or services authorized  
18 for at least sixty days or any case involving foster care in which there has  
19 been no contact or any documentation entered in the child welfare automated  
20 system for at least sixty days.

21          Sec. 2. Emergency

22          This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the  
23 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by  
24 law."

25 Amend title to conform

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